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DR. GRACE MAY GO TO FRANCE

Many Respond to Y. M. C. A.
Call—Don't Want Slackers.
Women Needed Abroad.

As a result of the appeal of the special recruiting committee of the National War Work council for workers in the Y. M. C. A. service abroad, it is understood that a number of Chattanooga's prominent business men have made application and expect to go within a short time. Out of these applications, it is also understood that several pastors from the local churches have applied and will go if accepted. Few announcements will be made, however, until these applicants are accepted.

Among these is one of Chattanooga's most prominent ministers, Dr. E. L. Grace, pastor of the Central Baptist church. Dr. Grace assumed the pastorate of the Central Baptist church, following Rev. D. P. Harris, Oct. 1, 1911. He came to this city from Richmond, Va., where he was pastor of the Broadus Memorial church. During his seven years' stay in Chattanooga he has not only been esteemed by his church, but by the entire church-going people of this city, as one of the most learned and capable ministers in Chattanooga.

This announcement will come as a surprise to his many friends, as well as the members of his congregation, for while Dr. Grace has been interested in war work for sometime he did not make the decision to apply for foreign service until Saturday. He is at present waiting the course of his application and will then announce his acceptance. His application will be forwarded to the headquarters at New York, and will be acted upon there. Those members of the war council who have been attending the conference expressed themselves as being very favorably impressed with the application made by Dr. Grace and others which will not be given out until later.

Will Go at Once.

Upon the acceptance of the application, the Chattanoogaans will leave at once for service overseas. Each one will take up a certain line of Y. M. C. A. work. It is presumed that Dr. Grace will go as a religious worker. Others will go as Y. M. C. A. secretaries, mechanics, social leaders, canteen workers, etc.

These applications followed the meeting Saturday, and those who applied were given a preliminary examination in the parlors at the hotel. Chattanooga has been asked to supply about fifty recruits out of the call for 100 from Tennessee. These to be sent over during the next month. Out of this number, approximately 25 per cent. have already applied. The call has come for 1,600 men from all parts of America to be sent over during the next month.

Woman's Part.

In speaking of the part the women are playing in the great struggle for democracy, James A. Whitmore, of New York, who has spent several months during the past year at the front in Y. M. C. A. work, says: "I must have a pure-hearted American girl at the front for the boys in olive drab to look upon, is a great inspiration to them." Mr. Whitmore says that he makes this statement in defense of the many mistakes that have been spread broadcast that American women are not wanted at the front, but that they are better off at home.

GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER HOLBERT OVERALL PLANT

Entire Output for Next Five
Weeks to Go to Uncle Sam's
Fighting Force.

For the next five weeks the United States government will take over the entire output of the Holbert Overall plant, which will mean thousands of suits of overalls. J. F. Holbert stated Monday morning that the plant would use all the help that could be gotten. He explained that while the taking over of the output would delay them in their orders, they were willing to be patriotic enough to do their bit for Uncle Sam and take care of their orders later.

SHRINERS TO HOLD CEREMONIAL SESSION

Large Class of Novices Will Be
Conducted Over the Hot
Sands May 25.

Not content with having conducted within the month a minstrel performance playing to four capacity houses, the Nobles of Alhambra temple, Mystic Shrine, have announced that on the afternoon and evening of Saturday, May 25, they will conduct a ceremonial session on which occasion a large class of novices will be conducted over the hot sands and undergo other requirements necessary to make them Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Already a number of petitions are in the hands of

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CALHOUN, GA., BOY WOUNDED IN FRANCE

Robert T. Stephens Among
Americans Who Fall
in Battle.

Robert E. Stephens, aged 28, of Calhoun, Ga., was named in the casualty list Saturday as having been slightly wounded in France. Stephens has been in the regular



army eight years. He served two campaigns of two years each in the Philippines. He spent three months in China. He fought under Gen. Pershing in Mexico and left America June 1, for France with the first troops over. Mr. Stephens was born near Calhoun, Ga., on a farm and is the son of J. B. Stephens. He has three brothers and three sisters.

About two hundred men have joined the army from Gordon county, but Stephens is the first casualty yet reported from the front.

The committee, and it is predicted that the class will be equally as large as that on which the degrees were conferred at the spring ceremonial held on Signal mountain last year.

The business session of Alhambra temple, which will be held on the evening of Friday, May 17, will be of more than usual interest as reports of the chairman of the various committees on the minstrel performance will be made. Plans will also be outlined for the spring ceremonial and a number of candidates elected to take the degrees.

It is understood that Illustration of the tentate John Fouché in carrying out the policy inaugurated when he assumed office will put on for the enjoyment of those present a special feature which, like those preceding, will be in the nature of a surprise.

MASTER MASONS TO TAKE SCOTTISH RITE DEGREE

Number of Chattanoogaans and
East Tennesseans to Attend
Semiannual Convocation.

A number of Master Masons of Chattanooga and vicinity left Sunday night for Nashville, where they will receive the Scottish Rite degree at the Twenty-fifth Semiannual Convocation of Trinity Consistory. The delegation consisted of seven candidates from Chattanooga who were elected to receive the degrees by the Chattanooga Society Scottish Rite of Free Masonry. In the party were also eight from Etowah, who had been elected by the society of that town.

In addition there were a number from the various towns throughout East Tennessee, extending all the way to Bristol.

Two Pullman cars were required to accommodate the party.

It is understood that the class on whom the degrees will be conferred at this convocation will number more than 125, making it the largest class of any on whom the degrees were conferred by Trinity consistory.

The semiannual convocation of Tennessee consistory, No. 1, will take place in Memphis beginning Monday, May 20. Equally as many Master Masons will go from Chattanooga to Memphis to receive the degrees as have gone to Nashville this week. It is expected that candidates from various points in upper East Tennessee will assemble in Chattanooga on the evening of Sunday, May 19, making up one or more special Pullman cars which will be attached to the Memphis Special, the party arriving in Memphis in time to form what is expected to be one of the largest classes in the history of Tennessee consistory.

ATTITUDE OF CHURCHES AND MORAL AIMS OF WAR

Distinguished Speakers to Be
Heard at the First Baptist
Wednesday Night.

The national committee on the church and the moral aims of the war which is making a campaign of education through churches and religious organizations on moral issues of the war, has arranged for a meeting here Wednesday night at the First Baptist church. The speakers of the occasion will be Maj. Boynton, of the Coast artillery, and Dr. Hitting, of St. Louis. There will be no prayer meeting service at Centenary church Wednesday night and the congregation is urged to attend the meeting at the First Baptist church.

Aviator Burned in Florida Was Well Known Here

Richard C. McCalla, of Knoxville, who was burned to death in his airplane at Pensacola recently, was well known in Chattanooga, having been the nephew of Mrs. Charles O. Lutz, a former resident of this city. He was also a cousin of Mrs. John Lamar Meek. He was the grandson of the late Dr. John M. Boyd, one of Knoxville's most beloved citizens. Young Mr. McCalla was chief quartermaster and student aviator of the camp at Pensacola, and was a graduate of the University of Tennessee. The funeral will take place from the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lutz, in Knoxville, Tuesday.

BELOVED RECTOR TO GO OVERSEAS

Dr. W. J. Loaring Clark Will
Leave Tuesday for Front
as Red Cross Chaplain.

Rev. W. J. Loaring Clark, the beloved rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, has accepted the war call as chaplain of the Fourth Tennessee and will go overseas. Dr. Clark will leave Tuesday morning for Washington, D. C., where he will receive sealed orders, to be opened on board ship. He does not know what his part of embarkation will be, but does not think he will be in Washington for more than a day.

The decision came very suddenly with St. Paul's rector and was the result of a telegram which reached him Sunday morning stating the need of his services as a Red Cross chaplain.

On the occasion of Bishop Gailor's visit here two weeks ago, Dr. Clark told the bishop of his desire to go, and a few days later had the initial communication of the call that resulted in his decision.

This was known by only one or two of his parish members, and when a meeting of the vestrymen was called Sunday afternoon the announcement came as a great surprise.

Dr. Clark this morning expressed himself with much feeling about the matter and said that his church had responded nobly and generously to his request for six months' leave, or longer if the army should need him, and that he had never worked with a more magnificent body of men and women. He said that they had even pledged themselves to work all the harder during his absence, and he knew they would be faithful in their trust.

Dr. Clark was to have delivered the convention sermon in Memphis on Wednesday, but wired the bishop on Sunday night that he would probably be en route overseas. Bishop Gailor will appoint some one to fill the rector's place at St. Paul's.

This makes four of the Episcopal clergy of the diocese of Tennessee who have gone into the overseas work. Archdeacon Claiborne, of this city, has already arrived in France.

Dr. Clark has been doing chaplain service at the Chickamauga convalescent camp since it was established. He was with the 4,000 young men who composed the first training camp and was with the second and third training camp boys. He has been among the busiest of the local clergy at the front. It is not at all unlikely that he will find many familiar faces on the other side of the Atlantic.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Clark have been among the most zealous workers in all patriotic lines, and liberal supporters of the Red Cross locally. Many anxious days have been theirs. One son, Harry Loaring Clark, is now with the 11th Infantry "somewhere in France" and is liable to be in the battle front. He was among the very first to volunteer with the American forces. The oldest boy lost his life in the early part of the war, fighting side by side with the Canadians.

A generous provision was made for the rector, following the night he left, which will be delivered to him before his departure in an appropriate way.

CHATTANOOGA LAWYER



C. S. Coffee Named to Assist Assistant Atty.-Gen. W. L. Frierson in Aircraft Probe.

Washington, May 13.—C. S. Coffee, of Chattanooga, was named a special investigator today to assist Assistant Attorney-General W. L. Frierson, also of Chattanooga, to conduct the department of justice's aircraft investigation. The inquiry already is under way with Mr. Frierson studying the report made by Gutzon Borglum and the preliminary report made by a commission headed by Snowden Marshall.

OFFICERS INSTALLED AT AVONDALE CHURCH

Epworth League Gives Patriotic Entertainment—Foreign Flags Feature.

"Mother's day" closed at the Avondale M. E. church by the installation of the newly-elected officers of the Epworth league as follows:

President—Miss Beale Hall.

First Vice-President—Miss Lillie Gill.

Second Vice-President—Miss Grace Tinker.

Third Vice-President—Miss Belle Varner.

Fourth Vice-President—Mrs. D. M. Edwards.

Secretary—Miss Malissa Rogers.

Treasurer—Miss Pearl Stuart.

Preceding the installation of officers a splendid musical entertainment was rendered by members of the Epworth league. A feature of the entertainment was a parade of nations, in which fifteen girls and boys took part, each carrying the flag of the nation represented.

The following nations, all friendly to the allies, took part:

Australia, Irene McCurray; Belgium, Linnie Vaughn; Canada, James Nichols; Japan, Argeon Giles; Italy, Percie King; France, Eva Annett; Cuba, Eva Ziegler; England, Marion Annett; Portugal, Maggie Humphrey; Russia, Hoyle Wallace; United States, Georgia Irwin; Serbia, Maud Lee Banks; Panama, Mattie Moore; Romania, Viola Nichols; Montenegro, Esther Gill.

The entertainment concluded with a vocal solo by Rev. J. J. Ellington, former pastor of the church, who rendered "Keep the Home Fires Burning."

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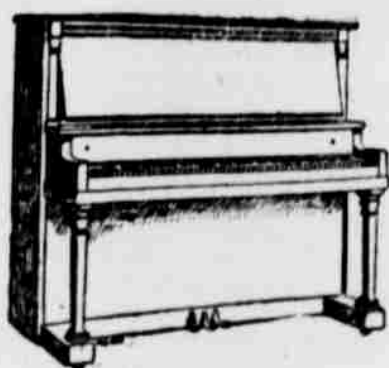
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